REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
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NR 169 REVISIONS ARE IN EFFECT
On June 1, 2003, the revised version of chapter NR 169, Wis.
Administrative Code became effective. This rule governs reimbursement
of eligibleenvironmental expenses in the Dry Cleaner Environmental
Response Program. The revised rule incorporates statutory changes,
streamlines and updates some of the consulting processes and updates
other portions of the rule. Please see publication RR-698, "Chapter NR
169 Rule Revisions", for more information about the changes.
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR698.pdf   If you
have questions about this rule or about the Dry Cleaner Environmental
Response Program, please contact Robin Schmidt and
Robin.Schmidt@dnr.state.wi.us, or at 608-267-7569.

JUNE 12 BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING
The RR Program is receiving numerous inquiries following our last two
"RR News from DNR" messages regarding state budget impacts. As a
result, we will have a public meeting to give an overview and to answer
questions from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12. We'll provide
as much information as we can at this time regarding operations of the
RR Program in the next biennium. The meeting location is room 027 of
the DNR building, 101 S. Webster St. in Madison. Darsi Foss will
discuss overall impacts to the RR program, and Renee Sanford will
discuss reductions to the Environmental Fund and impacts to state-
funded cleanups. Anyone who is interested in or has questions about
the RR Program is welcome to attend. Due to the short notice, you may
attend by conference call. To do so, please call 608-265-1000 at or
after 10:00 a.m. on June 12. When prompted, enter conference code #
0409.   If you already participated in the Brownfields Study Group
conference call on Friday, May 30, you may want to skip the June
12 meeting, since we will be covering the same information. Expected
changes to the RR Program, including a new county-by-county listing of
existing state-funded cleanups that could be affected, are now on our
web site at
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/99_00_budget.html.

CORRECTION
The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
has asked us to correct two items from the May 23 "RR News from DNR".
1) The net reduction to the Environmental Fund (EF) after Joint
Committee on Finance Action is $1.15 million rather than $1.3 million,
because $150,000 that used to be drawn from the EF for household
hazardous waste collection would now be combined with the Agriculture
Clean Sweep Program. 2) The $1.15 million reduction to the EF for
state-funded cleanups would be used for DATCP operations such as
staffing, laboratory analysis and water monitoring rather than for
reimbursing agrichemical cleanups from the Agricultural Chemical
Cleanup Fund.

Agriculture-related fees have historically been put into the EF to
support health, education and groundwater protection activities in
agencies including DNR, Health & Family Services, UW-Extension and
Commerce. In DNR, the fees support the Drinking and Groundwater
Program and RR Program activities including spill response and state-
funded cleanups. DNR will need to determine how this budget action

will affect RR Program spill and emergency responses, state-funded environmental investigations and cleanups, and staffing to provide technical oversight and redevelopment assistance. For more information, please see our summary titled "Implications of JFC Action by FY05" on our budget web page - http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/99_00_budget.html.

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